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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/775,879
Filing Date	February 2, 2001
First Named Inventor	Sunghwa Choe, et al.
Group Art Unit	1638
Examiner Name	Stuart F. Baum
Attorney Docket Number	11696-069001

### This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

#### 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other 3-month extension of time

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#### 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

#### 3. Fee The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-1050
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☒ Other Any deficiencies
- b. ☒ Checks in the amount of \$375.00 for filing fee and \$465.00 for 3-month extension of time are enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

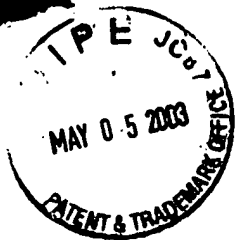
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination, please amend the application as indicated on the following pages. Applicants ask that all claims be examined in view of the amendment to the claims and remarks contained on the following sheets, a total of nine (9) pages.

Enclosed is a \$375.00 check for payment of the Request for Continued Examination, and a \$465.00 check for a Three-Month Extension of Time fee. Please apply any deficiencies or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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